

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/14/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Harry Smith on 10/22/07 for the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/763855, filed on January 22, 2004(on page 13, line 25).

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-20 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Prior art of record Ishigaki, 5170411 is slightly teaching about the spreading code but it does not teach the idea of this invention as well as the invention about cross-despread. Also, the allowable subject matter in claims 1, 9 and 17 pertains a method for estimating a phase error comprising: inputting a first signal component spread by a first spreading code and an orthogonal second signal component spread by a second spreading code; determining a cross-despread value by despreading the first signal component with the second spreading code; calculating an estimate of interference from

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the second signal component into the first signal component; and estimating a phase error by canceling the estimate of interference from the cross-despread value. And also a phase error detector comprising: a first input for receiving a first signal component spread with a first component spreading code; a first despreader having an input coupled to the first input for despreding the first signal component with a second component spreading code associated with a second signal component that is orthogonal to the first; a second despreader having an input coupled to the first input for despreding the first signal component with the first component spreading code; a first discriminator having an input coupled to an output of the second despreader for outputting a data symbol estimate of the first signal component; a first multiplier having an input coupled to the first discriminator for multiplying the data symbol estimate of the first signal component by the first and second component spreading codes; and a first adder having inputs coupled to an output of the multiplier and to an output of the first despreader. The aspect of claims 1, 9 and 17 are the above neither anticipated nor obviated by the prior art of record.

Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1.

Therefore, claims 2-8 are allowable for the same reason as for claim 1.

Claims 10-16 are dependent on claim 9.

Therefore, claims 10-16 are allowable for the same reason as for claim 9.

Claims 18-20 are dependent on claim 17.

Therefore, claims 18-20 are allowable for the same reason as for claim 17.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nurul M. Matin whose telephone number is 571-270-1188. The examiner can normally be reached on mon-fri (7:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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